

Looking Back

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10 YEARS AGO

The newest addition to the hallowed halls at Carroll Jr.-Sr. High School is an academic and athletic "Wall of Fame." One lengthy wall outside of the auditorium contains pictures of both Carroll's top scholars and athletes.



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cal growing public safety need.

25 YEARS AGO

The groundhog was "on the button", he might have been a little late with his forecast that spring was just around the corner three weeks ago. As the mercury rose last weekend and continued through the early part of the week, outdoor inhabitants grew with motorcycles and other summer items taken out of storage. It's really hard to believe that spring is still four weeks away.

Inge and Willi Wallmann, who recently purchased Beesley's Department Store in Delphi, are now having the Grand Opening of the store.

The name has been changed to I&W Fashion Centre. Everyone is invited to register for free door prizes.

Wish I had gotten my truck license earlier is probably what is being said by people waiting in line for their license as the deadline drew near. Lines of at least 50 feet long formed as they waited.

50 YEARS AGO

Three Carroll County 4-H'ers found out what it is like to make a film for use on T-V. After a full day under the hot lights necessary in T-V, they finally produced a 15-minute program suitable for presentation on Channel 13.

The three are Virginia Fisher, Marta Porter and Dwaine Ward, all of Madison township. They are 4-H recreation leaders and this is the first of a series of 13 programs on Channel 13, presented by Purdue University. They, with F.L. McReynolds of the 4-H and Rural Youth office, will demon-

strate the use of games that can be used in the home, community center or churches.

75 YEARS AGO

Fire destroyed the Monroe township consolidated school building at Flora with a loss estimated at \$125,000. Insurance to the amount of \$40,500 is said to have been carried on the building, which was a total loss.

Low pressure is reported to have prevented success of efforts made to save the structure.

The fire was discovered by the basketball fans in the gymnasium.

Simon P. Irick, principal of the school, managed to reach the office ahead of the flames and rescued the school records. The basketball game in the Community building was halted and the crowd was led to safety. The Church of the Brethren and two residences were damaged by the fire which was brought under control only after three hours work.

Many of the fans attending the basketball game volunteered and much of the equipment on the first floor of the school, a two-story, 13-room brick structure, was carried to safety.

Flames were visible thirty miles away.

100 YEARS AGO

What appeared to be the Logansport police to be an elopement was nipped in the bud when Miss Bessie Acres, aged 14, was sent to her home in Buck Creek after she had been in that city the greater part of the day with a man who is a stranger in that city. The couple was seen around the city and the differences in their ages

attracted attention. They ate dinner together and, it is claimed, tried to pass as man and wife. The police interrupted the proceedings and sent the girl to her home, while the man disappeared.

At Sedalia in Sheets' hall, will be held an old fiddlers' contest, which promises to surpass anything of its kind in these parts this season. All fiddlers are invited to enter the contest. About \$25.00 will be given in prizes.



Unknown woman, Carroll County, circa 1895

Keeping the city on target for the highway

By Debbie Lowe
Staff writer

Delphi Board of Works entered into a contract with Hanum, Wagle & Cline Engineering to aid the city with connectivity issues related to the Hoosier Heartland Highway. The contract will not exceed \$17,500.

According to firm representative Brian Pohlar, the engineering firm will help the city through the relinquishment process, such as paving, drainage and city utilities.

"We want to make sure the city is protected," he told the board at the Monday afternoon meeting.

"We want to go into this understanding everything we can," Delphi Mayor Randy Stasser said.

Pohlar said other issues such as lighting and streetscapes would be addressed with the Indiana Department of Transportation. He said the city could be eli-

gible for a federal aid program to help pay for improvements with 80/20 funding programs. He said negotiations could lead to reduction of the local match.

Other business

Strasser reported a "minor failure" with one flood control gate at the canal during the

last flood event. He said the flooding level was equal to the 2003 flood at the canal and in the nearby trailer park. He said as soon as the weather was better, the already-diagnosed flood-gate problem would be repaired.

The next meeting will be March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Crash near Flora sends four to area hospitals

staff report

Carroll County Sheriff's Department responded to a two-car crash on SR18 and CR250W, just west of Flora, Feb. 12 at 3:15 p.m.

A 1995 blue Dodge Neon, driven by Douglas R. Stewart, 50, Camden, traveling east bound on SR18 struck a west bound maroon 1992 Buick, driven by Estevan M. Montoya, 19, Flora. Stewart was trans-

ported to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette and was initially listed in critical condition.

Genoveva Deleon, 49, Flora, a passenger in the Montoya vehicle was taken to Home Hospital in Lafayette in critical condition. Beatrice Ledezma, 27, Flora, and Montoya were both transported to Home Hospital with minor injuries.

According to the report, the weather was a factor in the crash.

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